

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated below, without prejudice:

Claims 1-36 (canceled)

37. (Original) A retention clip for receiving a catch to attach a fence rail to a support structure, said retention clip comprising:

a first portion comprising a wall, said wall having an aperture formed therein to define opposing resilient prongs, said opposing resilient prongs each having at least one tooth formed thereon for engaging said catch;

a second portion, said second portion having means for attaching said retention clip to said fence rail;

wherein said retention clip is configured to receive said catch between said opposing resilient prongs to attach said fence rail to said support structure.

38. (Original) The retention clip of claim 37, wherein said first portion and said second portion form a substantial "L" shape.

39. (Original) The retention clip of claim 37, wherein said means for attaching said retention clip to said fence rail comprises an opening for receiving a fastener.

40. (Original) The retention clip of claim 39, wherein said opening is substantially oval shaped.

41. (Original) The retention clip of claim 39, wherein said second portion further comprises a recessed area surrounding said opening for receiving said fastener.

42. (Original) The retention clip of claim 37, wherein said at least one tooth comprises two teeth.

Claims 43-67 (Canceled)

68. (New) A clip for receiving a catch to attach a fence rail to a support structure, said clip comprising:

a first portion comprising a wall, said wall having an aperture formed therein to define opposing prongs;

a second portion, said second portion having an opening for receiving a fastener for attaching said clip to said fence rail;

wherein said first portion and said second portion form a substantial "L" shape, and wherein said clip is configured to

receive said catch between said opposing prongs to attach said fence rail to said support structure.

69. (New) the clip of claim 68, wherein said opposing prongs are resilient.

70. (New) the clip of claim 68, wherein said opening is substantially oval shaped.

71. (New) The clip of claim 68, wherein said second portion further comprises a recessed area surrounding said opening for receiving said fastener.

72. (New) The clip of claim 68, wherein said prongs comprise two prongs.

73. (New) The clip of claim 72, wherein each of said prongs comprise at least one tooth for engaging said catch.

74. (New) The clip of claim 73, wherein each of said prongs comprise two teeth.

75. (New) A clip for receiving a catch to attach a fence rail to a support structure, said clip comprising:

a first portion comprising a wall, said wall having an aperture formed therein to define opposing prongs;

a second portion, said second portion having an opening for receiving a fastener for attaching said clip to said fence rail;

wherein said second portion further comprises a recessed area surrounding said opening for receiving said fastener, and wherein said clip is configured to receive said catch between said opposing prongs to attach said fence rail to said support structure.

76. (New) The retention clip of claim 75, wherein said first portion and said second portion form a substantial "L" shape.

77. (New) the clip of claim 76, wherein said opposing prongs are resilient.

78. (New) the clip of claim 77, wherein said opening is substantially oval shaped.

79. (New) The clip of claim 78, wherein said prongs comprise two prongs.

80. (New) The clip of claim 79, wherein each of said prongs comprise at least one tooth for engaging said catch.

81. (New) The clip of claim 80, wherein each of said prongs comprise two teeth.